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2001 CHARLESTON AFB ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. – The economic impact of Charleston AFB, one of the largest employers in the local area, was approximately \$452.4 million in Fiscal Year 2001 (October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001), according to the FY 2001 economic analysis.

The total economic impact the base has on the community is computed by summing annual base payroll, annual base expenditures and the estimated dollar value of indirect jobs created. The base employs 6,711 active duty and reserve military personnel and civilians, with an annual payroll for these individuals totaling \$163.7 million.

The total value of jobs created in the community, due to the base, is estimated to be \$69.3 million, including 2,424 jobs at an average salary of \$28,586.

“The base’s economic impact is over \$66 million from last year, “ said Holly Mehringer, base financial analyst. “The biggest change from the FY 2000 economic analysis statement is the increase in fuel cost. Fuel costs are now mandated from the Secretary of the Air Force level and remain the same all year long. This year it increased from \$.65 a gallon to \$1.05. Fuel accounts for more than \$44 million of the economic increase.”

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The Economic Impact Analysis provides information about the resources and economic impact of Charleston AFB on the surrounding communities. To obtain this document in its entirety, call the 437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at 963-5608 or access it at <https://www.charleston.af.mil/chasweb/faqs/impact/impact01.pdf>.

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